

Your Comments on the State of the Economy

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In preparation for the economic forum I hosted in San Jose City Hall last week, I asked you about how the economy was impacting you and your family.

The responses you sent me were very troubling, with two of every three people saying that their family's finances had gotten worse over the last few years.

Many people wrote about having trouble with their jobs because of the challenges of our global economy. Others told me about the challenges they faced with foreclosures and other housing problems. The rising price of gasoline and other cost of living increases were another area of concern for many of you.

We face many challenges in the days ahead, and our panel had a productive discussion of how to move forward to solve the problems faced by our community. We recorded the sessions, and I encourage you to leave your thoughts on the blog.

Introductions

1. Councilmember Judy Chirco – [City of San José](#) ([download](#))
2. Mayor Chuck Reed - [City of San José](#) ([download](#))
3. Congressman Mike Honda – [15th Congressional District](#) ([download](#))

Moderator

4. Cromwell Schubarth – [Silicon Valley/San José Business Journal](#) ([download](#))

Panelists

5. Doug Henton – [Collaborative Economics, Inc.](#) ([download](#))
6. J. George Doerr – [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \(FDIC\)](#) ([download](#))
7. Paul Krutko – [City of San José, Department of Economic Development](#) ([download](#))
8. Carlos Figueroa – [Greater San José Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#) ([download](#))
9. Carl San Miguel – [Santa Clara County Association of Realtors](#) ([download](#))
10. Carl Guardino – [Silicon Valley Leadership Group](#) ([download](#))

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11. Congressman Mike Honda - [15th Congressional District](#) ([download](#))

Discussion

12. Question and Answer Session ([download](#))

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